(ii) Payment of rebate on sales of Khadi;

(iii) improved design of Khadi garments under Product Development, design Intervention and packaging (PRODIP) Scheme;

(iv) assisting Khadi institutions to participate in exhibitions at the national and sub national levels; and

(v) establishment of Confederation for Promotion of Khadi and Village Industries (CPKVI) to assist in marketing of KVI products in India and abroad.

Loans given under KVIC

†305. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of loan given to the entrepreneurs under the Khadi and Village Industry during the last three years;

(b) the number of women entrepreneurs out of them who have been given loans; and

(c) whether Government propose to reserve some of the items to be manufactured by women only?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) KVIC does not provide loans to entrepreneurs, but extends margin money assistance to enrepreneurs to set up village industries units under the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) of the Centra! Government. Under REGP, banks provide loans to entrepreneurs in combination with margin money grant assistance from KVIC. The details of bank credit extended by the financial institutions and margin money grant assistance provided by KVIC under the REGP during the last three years are given below:

(Rs. in Crore)

Year	Estimated bank loan	Margin money
2001-02	475.63	190.25
2002-03	484.28	193.71
2003-04	664.35	265.74

† Onginal notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Under the Khadi programme, loan is provided by banks to registered khadi institutions wich employ individual artisans engaged in production of khadi and village industries at the concessional rate of interest of 4 per cent per annum. The difference between the actual lending rate and 4 per cent is paid by the Central Government through the KVIC to the lending banks.

(b) The details of village industry units under the REGP set up with margin money assistance from KVIC and loans from banks by women entrepreneurs are given below:

Year	Number of units	Number of untis set up by women entrepreneurs
2001-02	20767	1786
2002-03	21024	6207
2003-04	24747	5726

(c) No. Sir.

Secrecy in dumping of the Nuclear waste

306. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the countries are maintaining secrecy in dumping the nuclear waste in their respective countries;

(b) if so, whether India is also maintaining secrecy;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) if not, whether the waste is being dumped taking into account the safest possible location in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) yes, Sir. Wherever strategic connotations are involved.

(b) Yes, Sir. In respect of strategic facilities.